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Jim Becraft, Former Valley Driver, Is Dead

Funeral services for Jim Becraft, 80, well-known in the upper valley as driver for the Sedro-Woolley Laundry for many years, were held yesterday, Dec. 23, at the Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley.

Becraft, who made his home at Route 2, Sedro-Woolley, died last Thursday in a nursing home.

He was born Aug. 10, 1889, in Swamico, Wis. He had lived in Skagit County for 70 years.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Sedro-Woolley.

Surviving are his wife, Esther; a stepdaughter, Viola Decker, Santa Monica, Calif.; a daughter, Hazel Hubbard of Everson; three sons, Ray of Seattle and Jim and Charles, of Eugene, Ore.; a sister, Nellie Sharick of Everett; 18 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Sobek's Car Robbed Of Xmas Packages

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Sobek lost the Christmas spirit before the holidays started when their car was broken into in Bellingham last Friday evening and Christmas packages and gifts stolen.

The theft occurred about 7:30 p.m., the Sobeks estimate, while the car was parked behind the Leopold Hotel. They had left the car, locked, for about a half an hour and returned to find the front window smashed and all their packages gone.

ENGAGEMENT RING



MARILYN JO PYATTE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pyatte announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Jo, to Roger Lee Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Gregory.

The bride-elect graduated from Concrete High School with the class of 1969. Her fiancé graduated from Concrete High School in 1968. Both are now attending Skagit Valley College at Mount Vernon.

A summer wedding is planned.

Herb Larsen Moves

Herb Larsen moved back into one of the Sullivan duplex units on Limestone Street over the weekend.

School Board Changes Mind; No Change Of Hours Until Snow

Concrete schools will not go on the late opening schedule until bad weather actually sets in, decided the school board in a special meeting last Tuesday night.

In a change of plans announced the previous week, the board decided to delay the change in time from immediately after vacation until the first severe snowfall.

Local schools will open at regular time, 8:30 a.m., on Jan. 5 and

continue at the usual opening hour until weather forces the change to a later opening.

At the first indication of bad road conditions, schools will open an hour later, at 9:30 a.m., as announced last week. Closing time will remain the same, 3:12 p.m.

Students and school board members agreed that, by shortening class periods and passing times, the hour could be made up during the day and buses could keep their usual afternoon schedules. Superintendent Fred Culbertson explained that class periods and lunch periods will be shortened by 10 minutes each and passing times will be shortened by two minutes.

"Shortening the class periods may mean that students will have to take more of their classwork home, but we think it will be the best solution so that students will not be late getting home in bad weather," he said.

"If we go on the later opening hour during the winter months, we probably will not have to close down the schools at all this year. Even if some of the students are unable to get to school, we will continue to hold school for those able to get there."

The Concrete schools were forced to close for five full days during the heavy snow storms the early part of this year, and were late opening several days.

Holiday Lane Contest On Again This Year

All decorated homes and businesses in Concrete and surrounding area will be entered automatically in the annual "Holiday Lane" contest, sponsored by the Upper Skagit Garden Club.

A Sweepstakes prize will go to the best overall display. Other awards will be given for the Best Home or Store Window, Best Decorated Tree, Best House and Yard, and Best Doorway.

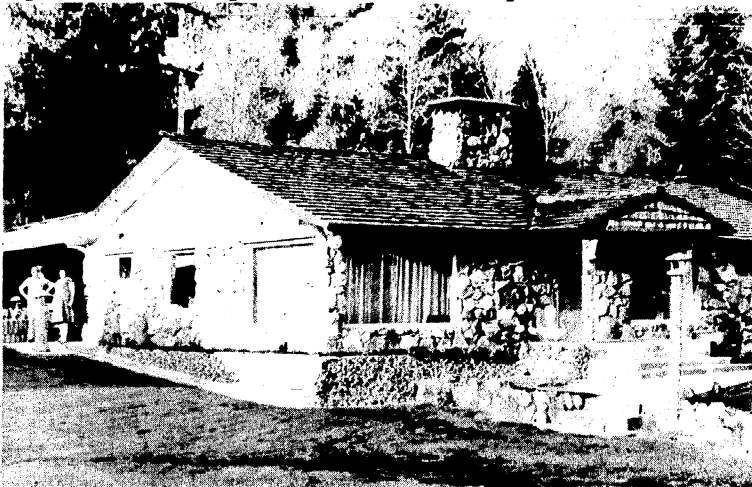
Judging will be done between Christmas and New Year's Day by Mrs. Ray Drake Sr. and her committee. Anyone wishing more details may contact Mrs. Drake.

Homes or businesses do not have to submit their names to be entered in the contest, said Mrs. Drake. All decorated places in the area will be judged by the committee.

7000 Rocks, Large And Small, Make Rockport Home A Unique Attraction



...may be only ...in the bottom ...to the H. H. ...they are un- ...material. ...Severe, ...something to build ...of over 10 years ...the idea of us- ...set in cement ...have become the ...Severe home ...the four buses to



local stream beds, from Rosario Beach, Camano Island, and the Columbia River, just to mention a few of the Severs' hunting grounds.

"We had to haul home tons and tons of rocks," Mrs. Severe said. "We thought we never would get enough."

In fact, the Severs were living in the house a year before they had the outside completely finished.

They are now in the midst of their current project—lining the bathroom walls with rock-imbued panels. One panel is in place and the others are in various stages of completion in the former restaurant building which they use as a workshop. Severe builds the forms to exact measurements with cut-outs for plumbing fixtures. Then he pours the resin and they both work quickly placing the small rocks and interspersing agate and petrified wood slabs. It takes some time for the material to set, longer in the damp weather.

One beauty spot in their home will be the living room wall of talc, which has been installed but not finished with plastic coating yet. That awaits warmer drying conditions.

The Severs, though ardent rock buffs, do not belong to an organized rockhound group. They prefer to do their own searching for their own original projects, which so far include window boxes, outside lantern supports, rocks walls and the fishpond which started the whole thing!